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July last without a Bill of Health &c

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To the B. of Rev. (C. R.) - Dated 7.6.98

Bill of Health

Recording, with remarks, correspondence relative to the arrival at Jaffna of the native vessel *Mahood Meera Madam* on the morning of the 19th July last without a —, leaving Kilakarai on the 16th and touching at, and communicating with, Pamban on the way.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 2nd August 1897.

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Madras Government, that it has been brought to the notice of this Government by its Medical Officer in the Northern Province that a native vessel, the *Mahood Meera Madam*, arrived at Jaffna on the morning of the 19th July without a bill of health. It is reported that the vessel left Kilakarai on the 16th and touched at, and communicated with, Pámban on the 17th, but was allowed to leave that place on the 18th without a bill of health.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 22nd November 1897, No. 949/409 G.

In reply to Marine Department endorsement No. 519 E., dated 13th August 1897 (enclosure herewith returned), I have the honour to state that, from inquiries instituted, it appears that the native boat *Mahood Meera Madam* left Kilakarai on the 16th July 1897 with two clearances, one for Jaffna and the other for Pámban, as there was cargo on board for both these ports. The boat first went to Pámban and discharged the cargo for that port, but on leaving Pámban the tindal did not take out a clearance from there for Jaffna, as he was under the impression that the clearance taken at Kilakarai for Jaffna would be sufficient. Had he applied for clearance at Pámban, he would have been called upon to provide himself with a bill of health before clearance was granted there.

2. The vessel should have obtained a bill of health at Kilakarai before taking clearance at that port, but she left Kilakarai on 16th July 1897, and the Customs Officer there did not get the orders of Government on the subject of bills of health until after that date from the Collector's office.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 9th December 1897, No. 949/438 G.

In reply to Marine Department memorandum No. 721 E., dated 30th November 1897, I have the honour to state that only one clearance appears to be required by the Sea Customs Act, and that, as far as is known in this office, the issue of more than one at a single port is unusual.

2. The clearance is granted by the Customs Officer and not by the Port Officer, and should Government desire it, the different Collectors of maritime districts will be addressed on the subject.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), No. 114, dated 6th April 1898.

From the Collector of Madura, dated 25th March 1898, R.C. No. 132/B and G., submitting report on the unusual grant of two clearances at the port of Kilakarai by the Customs Officer called for in Board's Proceedings, No. 298 (Separate Revenue), dated 26th January 1898.

Resolution—No. 114, dated 6th April 1898.

Replying to G.O., Mis. No. 219, dated 15th January 1898, the Board begs to report that the *Mahood Meera Madam* took in cargo on the 16th July 1897 at Kilakarai part for Pámban and part for Jaffna, and was furnished with a coasting pass for the former and a port clearance, with memorandum of goods, shipped in respect of the latter.

2. As already reported by the Presidency Port Officer, the orders of Government on the subject of bills of health had not been received by the Assistant Superintendent, Kilakarai, on the date of departure of the vessel thence and the tindal, having already received a clearance for Jaffna from Kilakarai, did not apply for a second one at Pámban; hence the arrival of the vessel at Jaffna without a bill of health.

3. The mistake that has been made was the granting both of the customs pass for Pámban and the port clearance for Jaffna by the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs at Kilakarai. It is reported that this is in accordance with a custom which is obviously erroneous. The Collector of Madura has already issued instructions to Sea Customs Officers in his district in the matter, and copy of these Proceedings will be communicated to other Collectors of maritime districts with the request that they will issue instructions to a like effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. M. THURLEY,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Mis. No. 1805, Revenue.

Transferred to the Marine Department, with the remark that the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue appear to be sufficient.

(By order.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

25th April 1898.

ORDER—No. 350, Marine, dated 7th May 1898.

Recorded, with the remark that the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue are accepted as sufficient.

2. The Ceylon Government will be addressed.

[Here enter No. 351, Marine, dated 7th May 1898.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. C. M. Thumbarwamy.

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